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1. ABST PERFECTLY HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHING STUDENTS WHICH IS BULK OF HER PAST EXPERIENCE. SHE WAS MOST EMPHATIC ABOUT DESIRING TO MEET THE WISHES AND NEEDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA.

2. EXPLAINED THAT SHE MENTIONED HER SHORT COURSES FOR TEACHERS SINCE THEY HAD BEEN OF INTEREST IN THE ONLY OTHER COUNTRY THAT SHE KNOWS. FREELY AGREES THAT SITUATIONS VARY AND APPRECIATED OUR DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH HER.

3. ABST HAS RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT ON THE TEACHING AND LABORATORY SITUATION FROM PROFESSOR MILLER. SHE DID NOT SEEM THE LEAST BIT FAZED BY THE REPORTS OF SHORTAGES, AND IN FACT, SEES A CHALLENGE TO HER INGENUITY.

4. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY SISTER ABST'S REACTIONS TO FRANK DISCUSSION OF REFTEL CONTENTS. SEES STAY IN LIBERIA AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTENSIVE STUDY
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OF ANOTHER CULTURE, AND FURTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN

YET ANOTHER CONTEXT WHICH SHE FEELS WILL IMPROVE HER
METHODS.

4. VITERBO COLLEGE ANXIOUS TO HAVE DECISION SOON ON
SISTER ABST'S PLANS FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. IF
COMMISSION DECIDES TO AWARD GRANT WILL APPRECIATE CABLED
CONFIRMATION. KISSINGER

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